of order upto a week or two and complaints are not attended to;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken action against the responsible officials;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the STD services of various cities in Haryana particularly in Hissar and Kurushetra regions remains out of order; and

(e) if so, what remedial steps have been taken by Government to redress such grievances of the subscribers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):

(a) to (c) No, Sir. Complaints are being attended to promptly and telephones reported faulty are mostly cleared by the following day. However sometimes due to major faults it takes longer time to rectify the defects.

The clearance of faults is continuously monitored at all levels on a daily basis. Suitable remedial action is taken from time to time to see that the faults are attended to promptly and no unavoidable delay takes place. If the delay in fault clearance is attributable to the lapse on the part of any official, action as per rules is taken.

(d) No, Sir. STD services of various cities in Haryana telecom. circle including Hissar and Kurushetra regions are working satisfactorily.

(e) Not applicable in view of (d) above.

German Investment in Telecom Sector

70. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the German telecom industry has agreed to invest Rs. 100 to Rs. 150 crores in the telecommunication sector in India;

(b) if so, what conditions the German industry has laid down for such an investment; and

(c) whether Government have agreed to the stipulated conditions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):

(a) M/S. Siemens A.G. Germany had submitted a proposal for manufacture of Electronic switching system with a investment of Rs. 43 crores. They have submitted an information memorandum in accordance with the new Industrial policy and the same has been registered. RBI has also approved the proposed foreign investment.

(b) No conditions have been mentioned in this information memorandum.

(c) Does not arise in view of 'b' above.

Private Sector Participation in Telephone Services

71. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to encourage the Private Sector to play a role in providing basic telephone services to the subscribers, specially in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) There is no such proposal as on date.

(b) Question does not arise.

Ban of New Out of Turn Telephone Connections

72. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister COMMUNICATIONS refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 507 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th July, 1992 and to state :

(a) whether Government have lifted the recently imposed ban on pending new out-of-turn telephone connections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above is in negative; by when the said ban is likely to be withdrawn by Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) Sir, There is no ban on release of out-of-turn telephone connections against MP's quota. These are being provided subject to technical feasibility.

Special Stamps released during the current year

73. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Special Stamps released so far during the current year and during the last year;

(b) whether there has been a demand for a special postage stamps for late Fakir Mohan Senapati from Orissa; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Details of special/commemorative stamps issued during the current year so far and during the last year are given in Statement I, Statement II respectively. *(See below)*

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal for issuing a commemorative postage stamp on late Fakir Mohan Senapati has been approved.

Statement I

Special Stamps Issued during the current year upto 14 November, 1992.

Sl. No.	Subject	Date of issue	Denomination (Paise)	No. of Stamps
1.	National Council of YMCAs	21.02.92	100	1
2.	International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering.	01.03.92	200	1
3.	V International Conference on Goats.	02.03.92	600	1
4.	National Archives	20.04.92	600	1
5.	Krushnachandra Gajapati	25.04.92	100	1
6.	Vijay Singh Pathik	29.04.92	100	1
7-10.	Adventure Sports (Hang Gliding, Wind Surfing, River Rafting & Skiing)	29.04.92	200, 400 500, & 1100	4
11.	Henry Gidney	09.05.92	100	1
12.	Telecommunication Training Centre, Jabalpur	30.05.92	100	1
13.	Udham Singh	31.07.92	100	1
14-17.	XXV Olympics	08.08.92	100, 600 500 & 1100	4
18-19.	Quit India-1942	09.08.92	100, 200	2
20.	60 Para Field Ambulance	10.08.92	100	1